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Letter dated 14 June 2001 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Yalta GUUAM Charter of the Presidents of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and the Republic of Uzbekistan signed at their meeting on 6 and 7 June 2001 in Yalta, Ukraine (annex I), as well as the text of the Final Communiqué of the meeting (annex II).

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We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 39, 67 (a), 92 (a), 94 (b) and (d) and 164.

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Annex I to the letter dated 14 June 2001 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Yalta GUUAM Charter

The Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Uzbekistan and Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as "the GUUAM",

Guided by the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Charter for European Security of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe,

Reaffirming the provisions of the Strasbourg Declaration of 10 October 1997, the Washington Declaration of 24 April 1999 and the New York Memorandum of 6 September 2000 of the GUUAM Heads of State,

Being devoted to the principles of democracy, respect for fundamental human rights and freedoms, the rule of law and the market economy,

Acknowledging that regional cooperation is a part of the processes of globalization and may contribute to the consolidation of the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the GUUAM member States, promote the peaceful settlement of conflicts and improve the well-being of their peoples,

Proceeding from the traditional friendly relations among the GUUAM member States and their peoples,

Have agreed to adopt the present Charter:

1. **Objectives of cooperation of the GUUAM**:

- Promoting social and economic development;
- Strengthening and expanding trade and economic links;
- Development and effective use in the interest of GUUAM States of the transport and communication network of arteries with its corresponding infrastructure situated in their territories;
- Strengthening of regional security in all spheres of activity;
- Developing relations in the field of science and culture and in the humanitarian sphere;
- Interacting in the framework of international organizations;
- Combating international terrorism, organized crime and drug trafficking.

2. **Principles of cooperation of the GUUAM**:

Cooperation within the GUUAM is based on the universally recognized principles and norms of international law, in particular, on the respect for sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in the domestic affairs of the member States.

3. **Directions of cooperation of the GUUAM**:

- Economy, science, technology and environment;
- Transport, energy and telecommunication infrastructure;
- Joint investment and financial projects;
- Humanitarian sphere, culture, education, mass media, tourism, youth exchange;
- Other directions of mutual interest.

4. The member States may submit proposals regarding the broadening of the spheres of cooperation.

5. The GUUAM is open for new members which fully confirm their full adherence to the objectives and principles of the GUUAM, as set forth in its fundamental documents, including the present Charter.

6. **Organizational structure of the GUUAM**:

6.1 The Annual Meeting of the Heads of State is the highest body of the GUUAM.

The presidency in the GUUAM is held by the member States in alphabetical order for the period between the Meetings of the Heads of State.

At the Meetings of the Heads of State decisions are adopted with regard to:

- The principal directions of political, economic and humanitarian cooperation with the GUUAM;
- The establishment of the GUUAM specialized bodies;
- The coordination of positions regarding current urgent questions of mutual interest concerning international life.

6.2 The sessions of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, which are conducted, as a rule, twice a year, constitute the GUUAM executive body.

At the sessions of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs consideration will be given to issues concerning the implementation of agreements within the GUUAM as well as to the preparation of proposals on the further development and deepening of the cooperation for consideration at the Meetings of Heads of State.

6.3 The GUUAM working body is the Committee of National Coordinators (CNC), consisting of national coordinators, one from each member State, appointed by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs.

The CNC coordinates the activities among member States within the GUUAM, ensures the preparation of the Meetings of Heads of State and the sessions of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs.

The CNC sessions are conducted quarterly in the territory of each member State in turn. An extraordinary session of the CNC may be held upon the proposal of any member State.

7. Decisions within the GUUAM are adopted by consensus.

8. The working languages of the GUUAM are Russian and English.

Done at the city of Yalta on 7 June 2001, in a single true copy in the Azerbaijani, English, Georgian, Moldovan, Russian, Uzbek and Ukrainian languages, each of them being authentic.

For the Republic of Azerbaijan
(*Signed*) H. **Aliyev**

For Georgia
(*Signed*) E. **Shevardzadze**

For the Republic of Moldova
(*Signed*) V. **Voronin**

For the Republic of Uzbekistan
(*Signed*) I. **Karimov**

For Ukraine
(*Signed*) L. **Kuchma**

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Final Communiqué of the Yalta GUUAM Summit

On 6 and 7 June 2001, the Summit of the Presidents of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Uzbekistan and Ukraine was held in Yalta, Ukraine. Within the framework of the Summit the status and prospects of cooperation within the GUUAM were discussed.

Taking into account their traditional historical ties, the Heads of State reaffirmed their readiness to fulfil further their previously adopted decisions regarding the interaction of their countries in all spheres of mutual interest.

A discussion was held concerning issues connected with the development, effective functioning and assurance of the security of the transport infrastructure in the territories of the GUUAM member States, including the Europe-Caucasus-Asia Transport Corridor (TRACECA).

The parties condemned all forms and kinds of separatism, nationalism, extremism and terrorism. They reaffirmed their adherence to the peaceful settlement of conflicts on the basis of generally accepted norms and principles of international law, in particular, the respect for sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in the domestic affairs of the member States.

As a result of the Summit the Yalta GUUAM Charter and the Convention on Rendering Mutual Assistance in Consular Matters were signed. The Heads of State stressed the importance of completing the preparation of the Agreement on the Establishment of the GUUAM Free Trade Area, with a view to its signing.

The Yalta GUUAM Charter fixes the principal directions of the forum, defines the objectives and principles of multilateral cooperation and establishes the format and periodicity of the meetings of the Heads of State of the member States. The further strengthening of relations shall advance the development of interaction among the GUUAM member States and promote cooperation in the political, trade and economic, humanitarian and other spheres of mutual interest.

The Convention on Rendering Mutual Assistance in Consular Matters lays down the legal basis for interaction in the sphere of the protection of the rights and interests of individuals and legal entities of GUUAM member States in the territories of third countries.

The Presidents issued an instruction on the fulfilment of the Future Plan of Work adopted by the Foreign Ministers in November 2000, the preparation of the regulations for the GUUAM Information Office in Kyiv and the steps in its inauguration, and also for drawing up the document on the status of observers in GUUAM.

The parties agreed that the Governmental Economic Forum of the GUUAM States would be held in the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2001 and that the

representatives of interested international organizations would be invited to participate in it.

The Yalta GUUAM Summit laid down the foundations for a deeper cooperation among the GUUAM member States. Implementation of the decisions of the GUUAM Summit shall promote further interaction and all-round cooperation among the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

An agreement was reached to hold the next GUUAM Summit at Yalta, Ukraine in 2002.